

## MEMORANDUM

Not On  
Agenda Item No. 10(A)(2)

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**TO:** Honorable Chairman Joe A. Martinez  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

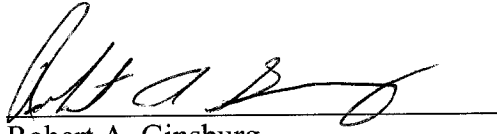
**DATE:** December 14, 2004

**FROM:** Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

**SUBJECT:** Resolution implementing  
Miami-Dade County  
KidCare open enrollment  
initiative

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The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Joe A. Martinez.

  
Robert A. Ginsburg  
County Attorney

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Please note any items checked.

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"4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

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6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

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4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

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Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

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Budget required

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Statement of fiscal impact required

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Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

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Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

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Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

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No committee review

Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Mayor  
Veto \_\_\_\_\_  
Override \_\_\_\_\_

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12-14-04

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

RESOLUTION IMPLEMENTING THE MIAMI-DADE COUNTY  
KIDCARE OPEN ENROLLMENT INITIATIVE

**WHEREAS**, according to the most recent Florida Health Insurance Study of 2004, 28.7% of Miami-Dade County residents less than age 65 are uninsured, which translates to 590,000 uninsured residents; and

**WHEREAS**, out of this staggering number, approximately one-fourth are reported to be children; and

**WHEREAS**, there are a significant number of children who are currently eligible for some aspect of the KidCare program under the current guidelines but who are not enrolled; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1998, Florida consolidated Florida Healthy Kids with existing Medicaid programs, MediKids, and Children's Medical Services (CMS) under an umbrella program called KidCare; and

**WHEREAS**, KidCare is a government subsidized health insurance program for Florida children through the age of 18; and

**WHEREAS**, these four programs offer the only opportunity for many children in Miami-Dade County to acquire some form of health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, a 2000 study conducted by The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that three out of five parents whose children were eligible for insurance did not know of these available programs; and

**WHEREAS**, there were almost 66,000 children enrolled in KidCare in Miami-Dade County as of November 2004; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 Florida Legislature passed SB 2000 which sets a statewide ceiling on KidCare enrollment, limits KidCare enrollment to two times a year for 30 day periods, and increases eligibility requirements to require three forms of income documentation; and

**WHEREAS**, with the proper KidCare outreach efforts, Miami-Dade County can identify and enroll a significant number of children that are eligible for this important subsidized children's insurance program; and

**WHEREAS**, the upcoming KidCare open enrollment period has been slated for January 1 through January 30, 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, organizations such as The Children's Trust, the Public Health Trust, and the Human Services Coalition have undertaken several initiatives to address the health care needs of children in Miami-Dade County; and

**WHEREAS**, an effective KidCare outreach program in Miami-Dade County is a significant undertaking that cannot be effectively accomplished by a limited number of organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, a coordinated KidCare outreach strategy in Miami-Dade County would maximize effectiveness and the use of resources, as well as reduce any duplication of efforts,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that this Board hereby commits the resources of Miami-Dade County to a coordinated KidCare Outreach Program and authorizes and directs the County Manager to take appropriate action to accomplish the same throughout the January 2005 KidCare open enrollment period.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Chairman Joe A. Martinez and offered by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and upon being put to vote, the vote was as follows:

Joe A. Martinez, Chairman	
Dennis C. Moss, Vice-Chairman	
Bruno A. Barreiro	Dr. Barbara Carey-Shuler
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Carlos A. Gimenez
Sally A. Heyman	Barbara J. Jordan
Dorrian D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairman thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 14<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2004. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BY ITS BOARD OF  
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as  
to form and legal sufficiency.

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Robert A. Ginsburg

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